

**POSITION STATEMENT  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

***Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery***

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On November 21, 2002, the Tennessee Board of Dentistry (Board) initiated a public rulemaking process that will, among other things, update how the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery is defined in Tennessee. While this rulemaking process is pending, it is the Board's position that the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery shall be defined as follows:

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- a) Required Documentation – An applicant must submit the following documents to the Board Administrative Office:
  - i) Certification of successful completion of advanced study in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of four (4) years or more in a graduate school or hospital recognized by the Council on Dental Education or the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include, but not be dispositive of this requirement, a notarized certificate of completion furnished by the Board and issued by the director of the program, to be submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative office.
- b) Examination – An applicant must successfully complete a written examination, and if the Board in its discretion requires, a practical examination. The content of those examinations will be as determined by the Board.
- c) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is the specialty area of the treatment of teeth or jaws or associated structures that includes the performance of the following areas of oral and maxillofacial surgery, as described in the most recent version of the Parameters of Care of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons:
  - i) Patient assessment;
  - ii) Anesthesia in outpatient facilities (except for anesthesia requirements in \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tennessee Code);
  - iii) Dentoalveolar surgery;
  - iv) Oral and craniomaxillofacial implant surgery;
  - v) Surgical correction of maxillofacial skeletal deformities;
  - vi) Cleft and craniofacial surgery;
  - vii) Trauma surgery;
  - viii) Temporomandibular joint surgery;
  - ix) Diagnosis and management of pathologic conditions;
  - x) Reconstructive surgery including the harvesting of extra oral/distal tissues for grafting to the oral and maxillofacial region;
  - xi) Cosmetic maxillofacial surgery.
- d) The Tennessee Board of Dentistry determines that the dental practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery includes the following procedures which the Board finds are included in the curricula of dental schools accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation, post-graduate training programs or

continuing education courses:

- i) Rhinoplasty;
  - ii) Blepharoplasty;
  - iii) Rytidectomy;
  - iv) Submental liposuction;
  - v) Laser resurfacing;
  - vi) Browlift, either open or endoscopic technique;
  - vii) Platysmal muscle plication;
  - viii) Dermabrasion;
  - ix) Otoplasty;
  - x) Lip Augmentation.
- e) Any licensee who lacks the following qualifications and nevertheless performs the procedures and surgery identified in subsection (d) shall be subject to discipline by the Board under TCA 63-5-124, including provisions regarding malpractice, negligence, incompetence or unprofessional conduct:
- i) Has successfully completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); and
  - ii) Has successfully completed a clinical fellowship, of at least one continuous year in duration, in esthetic (cosmetic) surgery recognized by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons or by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or
  - iii) Holds privileges, either:
    - (1) Issued by a credentialing committee of a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) to perform these procedures in a hospital setting; or
    - (2) Issued by a credentialing committee for an ambulatory surgical center licensed by the State of Tennessee and accredited by either the JCAHO or the American Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).
- f) The Board, pursuant to its authority under TCA 63-5-124, determines that performance of the surgery and procedures identified in subsection (d) without the qualifications set out above shall be considered unprofessional conduct and subject to discipline by the Board as such.

This position statement shall expire when the Board's definition of the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery becomes a final and fully effective regulation of the Board in accordance with the Tennessee Administrative Procedures Act.

**Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2002.**

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